

## Mishicot Flood Worst in 29 Years Roads in County Covered by Water

**Warm Temperatures, Heavy Rainfall  
Cause Runoff Waters to Rage Wild**

Temperatures ranging between 34 to 44 degrees above zero combined with a total of more than 2½ inches of rainfall within the past 48 hours sent creeks, rivers and runoff waters raging wild across the landscape in the lakeshore area Thursday.

Water was over the roads in many places in the county, the underpass near Grims on Highway 10 trapped one car and blocked traffic when its drain clogged again and basements in both the city and the county were filling with water seepage and sewers backed up.

Manitowoc firemen on two consecutive shifts have been working in the Manitowoc Rapids area since 4 a.m. Thursday when aroused residents called for help as sewers backed up and basements filled with water coming through the sewer pipes. Engine No. 3, a pumper unit, and a portable pump worked throughout the day at homes on Delta, N. 40th and Broadway streets. The Manitowoc utilities said there was no emergency as far as it was concerned as the plant can handle a much greater volume if the need arose. Storm sewers throughout the city were reported to be filled to "within inches" of the tops.

West Marshall Street was closed to traffic Wednesday night due to flood conditions and the Horseshoe Bend bridge at the west end of Main Avenue leading to Manitowoc Rapids was closed to traffic as city street crews attempted to repair washouts at the east hill while fire equipment blocked the west approach to the bridges pumping basements of residents along the river area.

"It's the heaviest runoff we've ever seen. I've never seen the river this high," Police Chief Elmer H. Scherer said as he street crews attempted to repair washouts at the east hill while fire equipment blocked the west approach to the bridges pumping basements of residents along the river area.

The Senate accepted most changes made by the House in the bill the Senate passed last July. Then the House approved the revised measure and sent it to the White House.

**Vote 99 - 0**

One change by the Senate in its unanimous 99-0 passage of the bill today was to make clear that veterans who have not graduated from high school would be eligible for the educational benefits. The House accepted the change without discussion.

Although the bill is more costly than one backed by Johnson he is expected to sign it into law. The measure would provide assistance to veterans of more than six months' military service retroactive to Jan. 31, 1955, when earlier programs expired.

The World War II and Korean War GI bills did cover veterans



**DEBRIS AND ICE FLOAT** — Huge chunks of ice and debris spilled onto Mishicot's lower Main Street from the roaring East Twin River to cause what was reported the worst flood conditions in the village since Feb. 21, 1937 — 29 years ago. Flood waters reached a depth of more

than three feet in the street at its foot near the bridge. Conditions at Sportsman's Park on the south side of the river, usually hit by spring floods, were worst on record. (Photo by staff photographer Tom Baetz)

**Charge Krentz  
With Homicide**

**His Attorney  
Asks Hearing**

MANITOWOC — Joseph A. Krentz, 73, of 2310 Wilson St., Two Rivers, was charged in Manitowoc County Court Branch 2 Thursday noon with homicide by reckless conduct in the death of his wife last week.

Authorities said his wife, Helen, 66, died at Two Rivers Municipal Hospital Feb. 2 of injuries received at her home a few days earlier.

An autopsy showed that death was caused by a skull fracture and brain hemorrhage. Authorities said several other bruises were found on her body.

Atty. Patrick Dewane, counsel for Krentz, requested a preliminary hearing which was set for 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23. Bail for Krentz was set at \$5,000 by Judge Harold W. Mueller.

Dist. Atty. Robert E. Koutnik said he felt that Krentz was mentally ill and that he should be committed to Central State Hospital at Waupun for observation.

"The defendant feels he is sane and has asked me to object to his being sent anywhere," Dewane told the court.

Judge Mueller said the district attorney's recommendation for commitment would be taken up at the preliminary hearing.

Krentz, a retired industrial plant worker, is reported to have told authorities that his wife was injured when she fell down some stairs. Conviction on the charge carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison.

According to Laubenstein, an emergency pump was utilized for two hours Wednesday evening at the East Side sewage lift station.

However, the emergency pumping operation was discontinued Thursday.

"Everything is under control and pretty much back to normal," Laubenstein said.

Highway Commissioner Walter Handl reported that most flooded road conditions in the county were centered in the Mishicot-Shoto area.

**Cautions Motorists**

Water to the depth of several inches to a foot was running across County Highway B north of Shoto Thursday morning and County Trunk VV east of that hamlet had about four inches.

A similar condition was reported on County Trunk Q at Kingsbridge where the road was dunked under water.

Handl said that most roads were passable but cautioned motorists to travel at slow speeds through the area. Barriers and warning lights were put up by Highway Dept. employees at these danger spots.

**FEAR RAIL STRIKE**

LONDON (AP) — The British government and private firms made emergency plans today in the face of a threatened nation-wide rail strike next Monday.

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## Southern Wisconsin Families Evacuated as Waters Climb for Manitowoc

**Will Manufacture Aluminum Siding**

MANITOWOC — A new industry for Manitowoc-Beautyguard, Mfg. Co., 435 S. 29th St. — will be operating late in March, Max Alpert, president, announced Thursday.

The company will manufacture and fabricate seamless aluminum siding.

Two buildings providing 8,000 square feet on the site have been remodeled and are ready for the machinery due early in March, Alpert said. "We expect to operate by the end of the month and will start our production with about 10 employees," he said.

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Ontario in Vernon County was isolated for a time because the highways leading into the community were blocked by the water.

The Pecatonica menaced the town of Darlington in Lafayette County as its waters overflowed, scattering huge chunks of ice across roadways.

Some stores in Darlington were reported flooded. The town's fire department, fearful that the waters might split the town's surface.

Sandbags were also used in Soldiers Grove as National Guardsmen, Civil Defense workers, and Red Cross personnel went to work moving furniture to higher ground and setting up cooking and sleeping facilities.

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**Reserve Stocks**

The increased volume of food for needy areas would come mainly from reserve stocks.

In a message to Congress, the President pointed out that farmers have about 60 million acres of crop land now idle under payment programs designed to curb overproduction, particularly of grains, and cotton.

He said this 60 million acres could be released for production as the secretary of agriculture might deem necessary to meet future needs.

Administration officials said that insofar as this year's crop production is concerned, the program will call for a 10 per cent increase — about 200,000 acres — in rice production, and about a million acres in production of soybeans, a major source of food oils and proteins.

**Hunger Major Problem**

Abandoning the idea of supplying only surplus foods, Johnson opened the way for increased production of some crops, chiefly rice and soybeans, to meet overseas needs.

He called for a major international effort including increased assistance from the United States and keyed to self-help from the developing countries, where hunger is one of the major problems.

**Two Rivers Temperatures**

4 p.m. Wednesday 35; 8 p.m. 39; midnight 39; 4 a.m. Thursday 38; 8 a.m. 36; noon 35.

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To help meet world needs,

## Sophie Tucker, Billy Rose Die

NEW YORK (AP) — Death has come to two of the best-known entertainers from a by-gone era, master showman Billy Rose and Sophie Tucker, "last of the red-hot mamas."

The two show business giants, whose careers were born in the days of vaudeville, died of illnesses within hours of each other.

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It was in such nightclubs and cabarets that a song written by Sheldon Brooks, a porter. "Some of These Days," became the trademark of Sophie Tucker.

She belted it out at every performance, whether she was doing the blues, jazz or swing. Her last appearance was at (Turn to Page 2-M, Col. 3)

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## East Twin River Overflows Banks

**Two-Block Stretch of Main Street Inundated; Business Places Swamped**

MISHICOT — Prolonged rain and an early thaw caused by spring-like temperatures brought about the worst flood conditions here in 29 years.

Ramping waters of the East Twin River flooded over banks and shortly before midnight Thursday began to seep over the south portion of the village main street. By 11 a.m. Thursday a two block long stretch of the street was dunked in two to three and one-half feet of water.

Residents and store owners on the main street reported shortly before noon Wednesday that the waters were still rising at the rate of about one inch per hour.

Waters reached the window level at some business places and homes and families living in second floor dwellings were evacuated during the night and early Thursday morning.

"This is the worst I've seen since February of 1937," recalled Ralph Dvorak, a Mishicot realtor. "Any more rainfall could result in really serious damage."

No injuries were reported but many townspeople were cold, wet and tired from working through the night removing equipment from stores and attics from homes.

Crews of Wisconsin Public Service Corp. cut off electric power and gas connections with many of the business places on the north side of the street and most on the south side. Waters a foot deep or more swirled around the Public Service Corp. sewage treatment plant and Mishicot Clinic.

**River Clogged**

He said it would remain on the senate calendar but "with the words R.I.P. (rest in peace) beside it."

The bill could be called up again later but even its hardest backers saw little or no chance of success.

The House, responding to strong administration endorsement, passed the bill to repeal.

Act last year.

But Senate Democratic leaders now have tried twice to get the bill up for debate and never have been able even to vote on the preliminary motion to consider it.

The Senate outcome represented a defeat for President Johnson and even more for the AFL-CIO, which had placed the repealer at the top of its legislative program. The 148 section permits states to ban labor contracts which require all covered workers to join the union or at least pay dues.

Directed by Dirksen

Mansfield first sought to get consideration for the measure last October after it had won 221-203 approval from the House.

**Drastic Conditions**

Also evacuated from their homes were Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Bergman and their daughter, Judith, and Mrs. Helen Ullmann, all of them live near the Dvoraks on Main Street.

Flood conditions became so drastic late Wednesday night that the Robert Conway family of six residing near the bridge moved in with the Walter Aikens in an apartment above the Mishicot Laundromat. All were removed from the apartment by boat early Thursday morning.

Throughout the night crews of the Public Service Corp. remained on the job, using ladders to cut off gas and electric services at homes and businesses. Many of the residents helped one another battle against the effects of the flood.

Alois Krause, a Town of Two Creeks farmer, helped his son, George, remove merchandise from the younger Krause's general store on Main Street. Beloved and whiskered, the senior Krause said he stopped working at the store "just long enough to run home and milk my three cows." He added that he "didn't even have time to eat no breakfast."

Krause said that if no additional rain falls the village ought to be able to begin mopping up operations within a day. "If we get more rain this

morning, we'll be in trouble," he said.

In a letter transmitting the plan to Congress, Johnson noted that the service was placed in the Commerce Department on the assumption its primary job would be to resolve disputes over the hotly contested 1964 ban on discrimination in restaurants, theaters, hotels and other places of public accommodation.